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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Let us take time to acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial. God, help us to be thankful, and to become better neighbours and stewards that we might continue to honour these lands.

Lighting the Christ Candle (responsive)

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world.

May its light brighten our spirits, and may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

Call to Worship (responsive)

Gentle Spirit of God, breath of life which touches each face with love,

You are with us and within us.

You are the melody of joy in all creation, poured out in notes of hope and healing around us all,

You are with us and within us.

Passionate Spirit, warming our hearts with the bright flame of your caring,

You are with us and within us.

Divine Dreamer, who casts a glimpse of beauty in the imaginations of all your children,

You are with us and within us.

Host of the table, you set a feast of grace and welcome all to your bounty,

You are with us and within us.

On this day, we name your coming, the Holy One who never leaves us, nor forsakes us.

You are with us and within us.

Stay with us now, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ.

Hymn: Spirit, Open My Heart **MV 79**

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love me I love, in receiving and in giving,

Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart
 with a heart that's kind and tender.
 All my coldness and fear
 to your grace I now surrender.
2. Write your love upon my heart
 as my law, my goal, my story.
 In each thought, word, and deed,

may my living bring you glory.

3. May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

Opening Prayer

Loving God, as we worship today during this season of Pentecost, give us a vision. Move us by your Holy Spirit. Bring good news to us all. Bring freedom and peace to broken people.

Thank you for your Spirit moving through us in many ways;
for the way love bubbles up, finding a way even in hard times.

Thank you for the strength you give us
to do the work of forgiving those who hurt us.

Thank you for the ways strangers
have been kind to us when we needed help
and the way you inspire us to live gracefully;
each person we meet, made in your image,
each person containing the spark of your Spirit.

Let us get a taste of Heaven here on Earth. Amen.

Music Ministry: The Spirit of God & A Poor Wayfaring Medley by George Coles, Arr. Rebecca Belliston and Susanne Cornell

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 (the Holy Spirit comes on the day of Pentecost) *reader Ruth Sproule*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not

drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reflection: Pentecost is Now!

Hymn: MV 23 Come O Holy Spirit

1. Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come - in - Je-sus'- name!

Refrain: Come, come, come in Jesus' name!

Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies o – pen:
Pentecost is now! I said a
Come, come, come in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies o – pen:
Pen-te-cost - is - now!
(final time): A – men!

2. Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
Teach us what true love is, take - our - hearts - by - storm.
(to refrain)

3. Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
Spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how
All the world lies open: Pen-te-cost is now!
(to refrain)

Joys and Concerns

- **Birthdays**
 - Rev. Marion Loree celebrates on July 4th
- **Anniversaries**
 - Sandy and Paul Cook celebrates on June 29th
 - Alison and Ralph Rainford celebrates on July 4th

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Invitation

God calls to us, asking "Whom shall I send?" Our response to God is in our giving of ourselves, our gifts, and our abundance. All are invited to make a financial gift, to share in the work of the church.

Offertory Song: VU 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Offertory Prayer

Holy Spirit, we thank you for coming upon the Church and inhabiting the lives of Christian disciples. We offer you these financial gifts in gratitude and to express our desire for all your gifts to us to bear your fruit in our lives. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
 then you coaxed up the mountains from the
 valleys of sleep;
 and over the eons you called to each thing:
 wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. R
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
 and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
 and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
 then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. R
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
 then you whispered in silence when the whole world
 was still;

and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush
of the wind. R

- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. R

Benediction and Commissioning

The God who made this amazing universe
is creating you anew every day.
Jesus Christ, the resurrected One,
offers you peace that never dies.
The Holy Spirit is setting your hearts on fire—
right here, right now.
Go in peace, and be transformed,
that you may change the world. Amen.

Postlude: Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit *African-American spiritual*

Household Prayer *by Carol Penner*

Lord you give life to life
from Day 1, your Spirit brooding over the deep,
your wind rushing, your breath filling.
As creatures of the earth we rejoice in life
using our breath, our being
to raise this hymn of praise:
Hallelujah to the sun's hot passion
embracing the ground's great shoulders.
Hallelujahs for the growth from seed to plant
greening the earth; its fruit—beauty and food!
Hallelujahs for generations of life
tumbling one after another.
Life creeping, swimming, flying, running,
below, above, upon, within.
All the world sings, calls, signals, speaks
praise to God whose glory grows in all that breathes!

Welcomer: Alison Rainford, Ruth Sproule

Counters: Mary Lloyd, Phil Brown

Worship Schedule

July 6 th	4 th after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
July 13 th	5 th after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
July 20 th	6 th after Pentecost	Rev. Felicia Urbanski

July 27 th	7 th after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
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